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| 1. | Romulo Betancourt, Romulo Gallegos, and several unspecified individuals held a conference prior to the transfer of power from Betancourt to Gallegos. The subject of this conference was the advisability of outlawing the Communist Party. Betancourt allegedly recommended that this action be taken, stating that he had not had the time to do it and that he regretted that the job was left for Gallegos. 25X1X Covernment will outlaw the Party without warning, and will do so before the IX Pan American Conference scheduled for Bogota in March 1948. This belief is based on the fact that the Government knows the Communist Party is attempting to undermine its efforts to stabilize the country's economy. Betancourt reportedly conducted a private investigation of the efforts and activities of the Party. | | | |
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| 25X1A | SX1A Comment: It is not considered probable that the Venezuelan Government will outlaw the Communist Party in the immediate future. World events, rather than local events, will undoubtedly be the primary factors in any decision made by the Venezuelan Government to outlaw the Party. | | | |
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